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This book uses a cross-disciplinary approach to profile developments through November 1995 concerning important U.S. government information policy issues. Information policy analyses benefit from a historical perspective while seeking to identify current areas of agreement and disagreement, especially at a time when the United States is moving from traditional paper formats to electronic modes and the adoption of a national information infrastructure. Ideology, politics, and opinion must be tempered by empirical assessment and open public debate. The study of U.S. government information policy can identify options for policymakers and others attempting to better understand and address key issues. The book includes chapters on the following topics: (1) "Government Information Policy in a Time of Uncertainty and Change"; (2) "The Clinton Administration and the National Information Infrastructure (NII)"; (3) "Congress and Information Issues"; (4) "Access to the Judicial Branch"; (5) "An Executive Branch Perspective on Managing Information Resources"; (6) "Federal Information Resources Management: Integrating Information Management and Technology"; (7) "Privacy"; (8) "National Security Information Policy after the End of the Cold War"; (9) "Freedom of Information Revisited"; (10) "U.S. Scientific and Technical Information Policy"; (11) "Geographic Information Systems"; (12) "The Depository Library Program: Another Component of the Access Puzzle Shifting to Electronic Formats"; (13) "Managing Archival Records in the Electronic Age: Fundamental Challenges"; and (14) "Moving to the Networked Information Environment: New Challenges and Issues." Also contains biographical information about the contributors and author and subject indices. (Author/SWC)